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Mignon L. Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Revision of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) Devices in the 5 GHz Band, ET Docket No. 13-49

Dear Acting Chairwoman Clyburn,

Engine Advocacy, alongside the undersigned high-tech investors, innovators, and entrepreneurs, writes to support the Commission's proposal to open up additional spectrum in the 5 GHz band for unlicensed access. The technology community is funding, building, and developing the next generation of Internet applications, wireless devices, and innovative services, and these products represent a huge opportunity for economic growth in the coming years. In order for our businesses and products to succeed, the FCC needs to make more licensed and unlicensed spectrum available for mobile broadband use.

5 GHz spectrum is well-suited for the delivery of high-capacity Wi-Fi. Opening this band for broader commercial use will make mobile broadband more widely available, and allow us to take advantage of standards-setting work already being done.

Growth in the startup ecosystem depends on spaces for development and innovation. We urge the Commission to establish rules that enable widespread commercial use of this spectrum band. Specifically, we encourage the FCC to grant commercial users the flexibility to use the 5 GHz band both indoors and outdoors, in order to raise and harmonize the power levels to improve transmission capability.

We look forward to working with you to foster mobile innovation and economic growth by making the most of this critical public resource.

Sincerely,

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